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Latter at Graylings Drift to the West of the Main Line-French and Hamilton the Advance Guard Boers Abandoned a Very Strong Position at the Rhenoster-Buller Repairing Railway to Resume His March.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent with Gen. Roberts. RHENOSTER RIVER, May 23, 7:35 P. M .- The Boers have evacuated their strong position at this point. Before they left they completely wrecked the bridge across the river and two long culverts. It is said that the Irish con-

tingent are now operating the Boers' dynamite train altogether. The absence of any wreckage between Kroonstad and this place is explained by the fact that the Boers were anxious to hold the Orange Pree State burghers in line. It is said that the latter are angry over the destruction of the

bridges in their territory. A drought and a cold wind are prevailing and there have been many accidental fires on the

LONDON, May 24 -- A despatch from Rhenoster River, under yesterday's date, says:
"The Boers evacuated their position here and are reported to be trekking straight for the Vaal River. About two miles of the railway have been completely destroyed.

"Gen. French is at Prospect, five miles to the Gen. Hamilton is cooperating with "The general opinion is that Gen. Roberts

will push on to Pretoria as fast as his men can London, May 25 .- The War Office has issued pothing from South Africa for twenty-four hours, and very little news has been received from unofficial sources. The belief that the British advance will not be opposed south of the Vani River, which forms the greater portion

of the southern boundary of the Transvaal, seems to be justified. The position at Rhenoster River which the Boers abandoned, was found to be of great strength. The river has almost precipitous banks forty feet high and was intrenched on the south side. The whole position is commanded by kopies a thousand yards from the stream on the north side. Moreover, there are excellent gun positions on each flank protecting the line of retreat. Certainly there is no more superior position south of the Vaal.

A deserter says that Gen. De Wet was angry over the evacuation of the position and that hot words were exchanged by him and other commanders.

The British advance seems to be continuing steadily. Gen. French and Gen. Hamilton are at Prospect, and an official announcement has been received from Pretoria to the effect that a large British force from Hoopstad reached Graylings Drift, on the Vaal, twenty-five miles from Wolmarenstad, on Monday. This is clearly Gen. Methuen's division.

Another despatch from Pretoria states that 3,000 British, with ten guns, are moving in the direction of Vredefort. It is uncertain whether or Gen. French's. Vredefort is away from the railway and is less than ten miles from the

The Boers, according to the Telegraph's correspondent, have gone north of the Vaul itself, but evidently little is known of their move-

Gen. Buller has made no further advance in Natal, as he is awaiting the restoration of the rallway. He decided that the most fitting method of celebrating the Queen's birthday was to do a record day's work in line making will be completed by Saturday.

The Boers are apparently still strengthening Laing's Nek. A Boer report from Volksrust Monday, but no details are given.

Chris Botha, a brother of the Commandant General, has been appointed assistant General. This has given great satisfaction to the burghers, who have confidence in him.

Captain the Earl De la Warr, who was supposed to have been captured, has returned to toria despatch says that the losses sustained by Bethune's Horse at Sheeper's Nek were 27 killed, 25 wounded and 11 captured. The loot included 25 horses, two Maxim guns and a quan-

There is no confirmation of the report re-ceived on Wednesday that the force that relieved Mafeking had surrounded the Boers who

A Pretoria telegram, dated Wednesday, reports that the first train entered Mafeking from the north on Tuesday. The first train from the south is expected to arrive there next week.

BOERS DISCUSSING SURRENDER.

Beports from Pretoria of Dissension as to the

LONDON, May 25. - The Daily Mail continues to furnish what purports to be Boer information, representing the burghers as being desirous of peace. It asserts that there is a strong movement of citizens toward surrender.

The Government is cognizant of the movement, though it does not authorize it. Delegates have been sent to the Generals and Commandants in the field to learn their opinions. It is felt that the Government will yield if sufficient influential pressure is brought to bear upon it.

The Mail's Lorenzo Marques correspondent cays the Transvaal Government has issued a manifesto asking the burghers their views on the advisability of seeking peace or continuing the war. The all night sittings at the Presidency continue. It is believed that strong efforts are being made in favor of immediate

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A despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marques, dated Wednesday, says that according to a private letter that was smuggled from Pretoria, President Krüger now favors surrender on the ground that a continuance of the war will entail great damage to property and hardships on the burghers. He has sthrown on the commandants the onus of finally deciding what

Passengers from Pretoria report that there is erious dissension in official circles. There has been extraordinary activity during the past formight on the railway between Pretoria and Pietershurg. Thirty trains have passed over the line daily. It is possible that they were carrying supplies north.

A (ape Town despatch to the Exchange Tele-traph Company says that thirty-six boxes of bar gold, valued at £141,000, have been sent from Pretoria to Lorenzo Marques. State Secretary Reitz, of the Transvaal, his wife and family were on the same train.

FELL DEAD IN THE BOWERY.

"A. M.." a Victim of Apoplexy.

A man with "Murray" on a cardin his pocket, "A M." on his g.id watch, railroad tickets to Mount Vernon, \$150 in money and a check for \$30 on the Centennial Bank, died of apoplexy Yesterday afternoon in front of the Occidental Botel at Broome street and the Bowery.

A Goldfinch in the Coroner's Court.

While Coroner Hart was holding court yesiday a goldfinch flew into the room, perched for a moment on the bench in front of the Cor-oner, and then circled around the court. The bird did not seem to be disturbed at its sur-foundings and stayed for nearly an hour.

BROWN SOPHS REBELLIOUS. Talk of Going on a Strike if Three Men Are

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 24 .- The sophomore class at Brown University to-day threatened to secede if President Faunce carries out his threat to expel three sophomores for kidnapping freshmen and attacking the members of the class of 1903 in the streets last night as they were on their way to the class banquet Dr. Faunce this morning issued an ultimatum to the effect that unless the sophomore class apologized for its misdemeanors before 6 o'clock to-night he would expel from the University William H. Stiness and William P. Bates of Providence and Timothy J. Sheehan of Fitchburg, Mass. The sophomores have induced frauds. the President to delay further action until the class has met to-morrow morning to decide finally just how much of an apology it is

willing to make. The sophomores had two meetings and appointed a committee that told President Faunce that the class purposed to stand by and back Stiness. Bates and Sheehan and any other members whom he might threaten to expel; that the kidnapping as well as the street fight was a class matter for winch the class was unwilling that a few members should bear the blame; and that it was perfectly willing to apologize for any conduct that brought disgrace to the college, but was unwilling to concede that their attempt to break up the freshmen banquet was reprehensible according to college ethics and tradition.

Just here is where the class and Dr. Faunce are at loggerheads. The President will let the kidnapping episode pass if the class will acknowledge itself wrong in assailing the freshmen last night in defiance of his vigorous warning yesterday morning. The sophomores insist that Dr. Faunce's "call down was responsible for their escapade last night. They maintain that the epithets "ill-bred," "tough," "roughs" and "hoodlums" which the President applied to the kidnappers were uncalled for, too severe and unwarranted by the circumstances. The class pretty generally has its feelings hurt and is in a resentful mood. The freshman class held a noisy meeting tonight when everybody tried to speak at once. The class resolved that President Faunce ought not to punish a few sophomores for a class sin. The freshmen intend to inform Dr. Faunce that they—the victims of the kidnappers—bear the sophs no ill-will. The hothered however of the dead reading that Just here is where the class and Dr. Faunce

this force is part of Gen. Methuen's command | but it was too late. Clark lived at 51 Seventh

bureau is to any degree at fault or capable of such improvement as to promise protection in the future against dishonesty of this character. "I should prefer that such an investigation should be made by officials in no way subject to my control, and in view of the fact that this falls neculiarly within the scope of the duties of the Commissioners of Accounts, as defined by section 119 of the Charter, I request that you authorize them to institute such an examination at the earliest possible moment."

Mr. Coler said that Clark was under only \$2,000 bonds, given several years ago and approved by the Municipal Assembly. The amount of the city's protection under this old bond, the Comptroller said, could not be determined until the law in the matter had been looked into.

TOM THUNDER CHALLENGES RODDY. The Young Brave Objects to the Irish Chief of the Winnebagoes.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., May 24.-Tom Thunder, who aspires to the chieftaincy of the Winnebago Indians, to-day sent a challenge of mortal combat to his rival, T. R. Reddy, an Irishman in Chicago. He is very much in ear-nest, and has a company of twenty-five young

WANT DEATH PENALTY RESTORED. Recent Lynching.

is the talk of the town. Never before have women's straw hats been sold so cheap. They are solling the latest styles in dress shapes at 25c. 6th av., 20th to 21st st.—Ads

REFORM STARTED IN CUBA.

DIRECTOR BRISTOW REORGANIZING THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

Reduction of Expenses-Investigation of the Frauds Continues-Assistant Auditor Reynolds Returns to Duty-Custom House Accounts to Be Examined-Political Situation. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, May 24 .- Director of Post Bristow is going ahead straightening out the tangles in the department and looking for evidence against Neely and those associated with him in the He is also reorganizing the department on a more economical basis. Prior to his arrival here there existed a solicitor's bureau, with a

solicitor at a salary of \$2,500, an assistant solicitor, salary \$2,000, and a stenographer, salary \$1,400. The offices of solicitor and assistant solicitor have been abolished, and a law clerk has been appointed at a salary of \$2,000, reducing the expenses from \$5,900 to \$3,400, the stenographer being retained. On Gep. Wood's recommendation Mr. Bristow has appointed George R. Buchanan as disburs-

ing officer at a salary of \$2,000, the office of superintendent of posts, with a salary of \$2,250, being abolished. The latter officer had charge of the disbursements. At the beginning of the month the director will submit the month's estimate to Gen, Wood. On his approval the Treasurer of the island will place this amount to the credit of the disbursing officer, who will check against it for salaries and all bills incurred. The disbursing officer will have to give a bond in the sum of \$20,000. This reform will render it impossible for the department to

but it ought to have been enough to have commanded a simplifying of the Church's edicts. cient for those who would be satisfied with it.

Double marriage is not required. Clergymen should be clothed with full power to perform be forbidden to marry any one not previously licensed by the civil authorities. It is known that the entire Protestant clergy of Havana are in hearty accord with the foregoing procedure."

As this is exactly what the Catholics want and as the religious element, owing to the influence of women, who are loyal Catholics, is predominant, Gen. Wood is sure to make this change.

ROOSEVELT HEARS NEELY'S CASE. Extradition to Cuba.

nest, and has a company of twenty-five young braves in war paint. Roddy will be here on May 26, and young Thunder is planning a hostle demonstration to greet the White Buffalo. The challenge was made and signed in the presence of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo. The challenge was made and signed in the presence of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers and was made and signed in the presence of several citiers, and was mailed to the White Buffalo and the state of several citiers and was a state of the state of the White Buffalo and the state of the common Council to visit Boston. No date for the visit was set. The Envoys Testers their deep appreciation for the honor done them and grainful for the state of the common Council to visit Boston. No date for the visit was set. The Envoys Testers their deep appreciation for the honor done them and grainful for the syngathy shown in their accounts of the state of the state of the common Council to visit Boston. No date for the visit was set. The Envoys Testers their deep appreciation for the honor done them and grainful for the syngathy shown in their accounts of the state of the state of the common Council to visit Boston. No date for the visit was set. The Envoys Testers their deep appreciation for the honor done them and grainful for the syngathy shown in their accounts of the state of the state of the state of the state of the syngathy shown in their accounts of the state of the syngathy shown in their accounts of the syngathy nest, and has a company of twenty-five young braves in war paint. Roddy will be here on May to answer the charge of having misappropriated

Acts Require an Investigation.

Colorado Papers Pent Lynching.

Denver, Col., May 24.—Both the Republican and the Rocky Mountain News this morning published editorials calling for the restoration of capital punishment in Colorado. These two papers represent opposing political parties.

The occasion for this expression of opinion was the lynching of Calvin Kimblern on Wednesday morning at Pueblo. The News says:

"The people of Colorado and the next Legislature might as well face the fact that in the absence of capital punishment under the law it is inflicted through the angry mob violence whenever an especially atrocious crime is committed. When a wholecommunity, including the officers of the law, approves the liegal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death penalty it is proof that that community approves the legal infliction of the death WASHINGTON, May 24 .- The resolutions in

LONE PASSENGER A RORBER. Rifled the Car Conductor's Pockets in The Bronx Wilds-Arrested

Car 217 of the Westchester avenue line left Third avenue at 11 o'clock last night and started or the Southern Boulevard in charge of Motorman Patrick Rellly and Conductor Frank Oliver. There was only one passenger. He was a tall, broad-shouldered man who remarked to the conductor that the Westchester avenue line of cars had to pass through the most lonesome part of the annexed district. He handed a cigar to the conductor. When the car reached Dawson street, a dark and lonesome spot, he pulled the rope of the trolley pole and throw the pole off the wire.

The conductor, thinking it was an accident, leaned backward over the dashboard to put the trolley on. The passenger caught him by the throat and held him, at the same time rifling his pockets. The motorwent to the conductor's assistance. The highwayman succeeded in throwing both conductor and motorman down. Then he jumped from the car and ran along the road. in the case of William R. Hearst, petitioner, The motorman and conductor put after him, shouting "Police! Murder!" Policeman Donohue, who was patrolling the

most lonesome post in the precinct heard the cries. After a chase of half a mile he succeeded in capturing the highwayman. The prisoner said he was Michael Campion of 433 West Sixteenth street.

A month ago a conductor on the Tremont avenue line was held up in a similar manner.

EASY FOR BANK ROBBERS. Six Masked Men Break Into a Bank of Wil-Hamsburg, Va .- Get \$5,200.

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miners and coke oven workers the year around and summer boarders during the hot season. One bank does all the business for the entire county. When easher Byers entered the bank about 8 o'clock this merning he missed a revolver from its usual resting place and at once became suspicious. Constable Hall happened to step in at that moment and the two started to investigate.

An old-fashioned sofa rested near the entrance to the vault and behind it crouched the form of a man. The cashier removed the sofa and the burglar raised his masked face to look into the muzzle of the officer's gun. He had secured the bank revolver in addition to his own. He carried a kit of burglar's tools and his body was encased all around in an armer of sheet iron a quarter of an inch thick. He proved to be Will Adams, a local tough, who has been suspected of several burglaries. His plan was to wait until Cashier Byers opened the vault, then hold him up and rob the vault after which he would lock the cashier in while he made his escape. he made his escape.

A WIDOW USES A RAWHIDE.

She Beats Another Woman and a Man Who

Were Having a Carriage Ride. New Haven, Conn., May 24.—Miss Nora Har-ris, a handsome-looking dressmaker of this city, and Adelbert C. Russell, a well-known salesman, while riding together this afternoon, were stopped by Mrs. Adele of the house after the murder. He told De-Cushion, a widow, who pulled a rawhide and began bearing the pair in the carriage. Miss began beating the pair in the carriage. Miss Harris alighted and there was a short and sharp battle between the two women, out of which Miss Harris came victorious. She is athletic in build and took the whip from Mrs. Cushion, who immediately disappeared. Russell drove off. Miss Harris made a statement to-night, in which she says that she is keeping company with Russell, and that she had a perfect right to go to drive with him. She explained Mrs. Cushion's attack on the ground of jealousy. It was stated to-night in behalf of Mrs. Cushion, who is about 33 years of age, that she has a certificate showing the date of her marriage to Russell. She has been his housekeeper for some time. They are all well-known residents.

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., May 24. - A boller exploded this morning at Burleston, Tenn., a small village twenty-five miles west of here, in Capt. James A. McFerrin's sawmill. The pro-Capt. James A. McFerrin's sawmill. The pro-prietor, aged 65, formerly in the internal reve-nue service during Cleveland's administration, is among the dend. Four employees, named Burkett, York. Moses, Buntley, all white, and an unioentified negro were also killed. One man was driven through the wall of a cotton gin several yards away.

Took a Year for This Voyage.

San Francisco, May 24.—The British ship Black Braes arrived to-day from Dundee after a passage of one year. She made good time until near Cape Horn, when she was swept by great seas and forced to stop at Port Stanley on Oct. 23 for repairs. She started again on Feb. 9, and after a short experience with heavy storms had plain sailing to this port.

There is a vast difference in the quality of Cham pagne, but amid all the various brands, there is but one best, and that, by the universal verdict of the best judges, is Pommery. This favorite wine is made only from the first pressings of the most carefully selected grapes. - Ade.

STATE AGAINST ICE TRUST. ATTORNEY-GENERAL DAVIES DE-

CIDES TO BRING SUIT To Cancel the Company's Permit to Sell Ice

nopoly in a Necessary of Life-Mayor Subparnaed to the Police Court Hearin. Attorney-General Davies has decided to begin proceedings to prevent the American Ice Company, a New Jersey corporation, from doing business in this State on the ground that it is an unlawful combination destroying competition in the production and sale of a necessary of life. The agreement made between the constituent companies, the Knickerbocker and Consolidated Ice companies, to combine their interests and control the whole ice field, he holds, is in violation of the laws of the State. Mr. Davies came down from Albany yesterday and sent a letter to the attorneys on both sides

This is the letter: "To Mesers. Einstein & Townsend, Attys. for Peti-tioner, Mesers. Daly, Hoyt & Mason, Attys. for American Ice Company, William H. Rand, Jr., Esg., Hon. G. D. B. Hasbrouck of Counsel:

"GENTLEMEN-Upon a careful consideration of the petition, affidavits, arguments and all the papers submitted upon the hearing in the above entitled matter, I am satisfied that the American Ice Company is an unlawful combination, conducting its business in restraint of trade. in violation of law and against public

"The Knickerbocker and Consolidated Ice

suspected of being imprehense in the bank roots bery at Williamsburg this morning was a rested near Manchester to-night. A to-being message was received in Manchester from Bon Air, eight tailes from Etchmond saying that four men with grip sacis and middly ciothes got off the train there and were walking to Richmond. The men separated near Manchester Policeman Wright hailed one of them who fed the policeman fired at him and wounded him. The man was arrested, but refused to tell his name or give any information about himself. The other three men ran through the woods and escaped. Nearly one hundred men are scouring the woods to catch the three suspects.

CAUGHT A BANK ROBBER.

He Was Encased in Sheet Iron Armor and Planned to Hold Up a Cashler.

CHATANOGOA, Tenn., May 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to hold up the cashler and rob the vault of the Bank of Grundy County at an early hour this morning. Tracy City is the home of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Railway Company, a small village composed of miners and coke oven workers the year around and summer boarders during the hot season. One bank does all the business for the entire county. Where a shier lyers entered the bank about 8 o'clock this merning he missed a revovire from its usual resting place and at once became suspicious. Constable Hall happened to look in to the wault and behind it crouched to five-stigate.

An old-fashioned sofa rested near the entrance to the vault and behind it crouched the form of a man. The cashler removed the sofa and the burglar raised his masked face to look into the muzzle of the cofficer's gun. He had secured the bank revolver in addition to the fed and the form of a man. The cashler removed the sofa and the burglar raised his masked face to look into the muzzle of the officer's gun. He had secured the bank revolver in addition to the fed the found his name on the list. President flower had been a continued to the found him and the two started the form of a man. The cashler removed the sofa and the burgles of the found him

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President Guggenheimer of the Council was surprised when he found his name on the list. He said that ten years ago he owned one share of the stock of the Consumers' Ice Company, having received it as a legal fee. He afterward sold it to Mr. Gelshenen for \$90. The latter wanted to give him one share of the stock of the American Ice Company for it, but he had declined the stock.

Person Unknown Killed Lena Wolf. Coroner Hart and a jury inquired into the murder of Lena Wolf of 314 East Eleventh street on May 11, for which Corporal Adolph Sass of the Seventh United States Artillery was arrested. Sass was found hiding in a coalbin in the cellar tective Bonnvil when asked why he shot the girl (according to Bonnvil's testimony yester day) that he didn't know; he was drinking and must have been crazy. Sadie Stein, who lived next door to the Wolf girl, testified to having heard the report of the pistol and seen "the soldier" in the woman's rooms, and Coroner Hart charged the jury that the testimony went to show conclusively that Lena Wolf came to her death by a shot fired by Sass.

James Moran, ex-Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, who was foreman of the jury, consulted with his fellow jurymen, and the jurymen retired to consider the verdict. In twenty minutes they returned. Fight of the jurymen presented a verdict that the woman came to her death by a pistol shot wound inflicted by a revolver in the hands of a person unknown. The ninth juror, Samuel Engel, of 764 Third avenue, returned a verdict that Sass killed the zirl. Coroner Hart told the jury he was astoria ed.

"Why gentlemen," said the Coroner, "all the testimony in this case points to Adolph Sass as being the man responsible for the woman's death, and I cannot understand how you agreed upon this verdict."

The eight jurymen, however, stuck to the verdict. It doesn't affect Sass, who is in the Tombs, having been committed by Mazistrate Hogan. His case will be taken before the Grand Jury to-day. must have been crazy. Sadie Stein, who lived

LIEUT. MARTIN NOT READY TO PLEAD. Court-Martial Gives Him a Day to Get Fur

ther Legal Advice.

The trial by court martial of Edward H. Martin, a Second Lieutenant in the Fifth United States Artillery, who is alleged to have falsified receipts while acting as treasurer of the post exchange and canteen at Fort Hancock, Sandy exchange and canteen at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, several months ago, was begun yesterday afternoon at Fort Hamilton Lieut. Spink was assigned as counsel to Lieut. Martin. The latter when brought before the court said that he was not quite ready to answer the charges brought against him and asked for an adjournment until 10 o'clock this morning in order to secure additional counsel. His request after some discussion was granted.

BRIDE STRICKEN AT THE ALTAR. Miss Leavitt Has a Hemorrhage of the Brain While Waiting to Be Married.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 24 .- Miss Hannah Leavitt of South Manchester, who was to have become the bride of John Wrenn of Waterbury to-day, is thought to be dving to-night. She was stricken just as she reached the altar on the in New York-Says It's an Attempt at Moarm of her intended husband, and dropped to the floor apparently dead. The church was filled with friends of the bridal couple. The bridemaid, Miss Neille Leavitt, a sister, came to her assistance, and, not rallying from the faint, the atricken bride-elect was taken into the parochial residence, which is near the church. Dr. T. H. Weldon was summoned and found that Miss Leavitt was suffering from hemorrhage of the brain. The wedding party was dismissed, and the Rey. Father Murphy, who was to have performed the ceremony, sent

the big audience at the church away. The condition of Miss Leavitt is very critical. and doubts are entertained for her recovery. She is still at the parochial residence, and will be unable to be removed to her home in her present condition. Much sympathy is being against the ice company to prohibit it from expressed for the afflicted family. Miss Leavitt doing business in the State and to annul the has been under Dr. Weldon's care for three certificate that permits it so to do business. weeks, suffering with severe headaches, but she was apparently well on entering the church this morning.

TRIAL OF THE MEN OF THE TEXAS. Eight of the Eleven Convicted and Sentenced

to From 6 to 18 Months' Imprisonment. WASHINGTON, May 24.- The record of the proceedings and findings of the general court- bales. martial which was appointed to try the enlisted men of the battleship Texas, on charges growing out of insubordination ashore while the Texas was cruising in United States and West Indian waters, was received by the Judge Advocate-General of the Navy to-day. All the men were charged with being implicated in an attempt to rescue a shipmate from the master-at-arms and a marine sergeant of the Texas at Grassey Bay, Bermuda, The specific charges were "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," and, "striking another person in the Navy." The records show that of eleven mentioned three were acquitted and eight convicted. Those convicted were sentenced to terms of imprisonment at the Boston Naval Prison of from six to eighteen months. They are: Homer E. Lloyd and Alfred Schaefer, seamen; Thomas Cronin and William H. O'Neli, coal passers; F. L. Meintyre and Charles F. Burke, landsmen, and Michael Byrnes and Joseph G. Murphy, apprentices. The men acquitted are: James Faney, cockswain; John Romayne, ordinary seaman, and William McCullough, apprentice. men were charged with being implicated in

A QUESTION OF PROPRIETY. Woman Prisoner and a Night Journey Em-

barrass Country Constable Schall. Constable Donald F. Schall of East Brighton, Monroe county, N. Y., walked into the East Thirty-fifth street police station last night. blushing furiously and leading a good looking

young woman.
"Mister," said he to the sergeant, "this young woman is my prisoner. She was arrested in

woman is my prisoner. She was arrested in New Haven, and I went there to day and got her on extradition papers that had been signed by Gov. Roosevelt. I reached this city, and now, to get home to-night, I would have to travel at night. If I take a day coach, it will be a hardship for the prisoner. If I take a sleeper, it wont be proper. I want you to lock her up here for the night."

Constable Schall seemed to be much more embarrassed than the girl was, and the sergeant, taking pity on him, locked up the girl for safe keeping. She said she was Florence Whitney, 23 years old of no particular home. Constable Schall said she was wanted in East Brighton for robbing a family by whom she had been employed as a servant, of \$600 worth of sliverware and jewelry and some money.

GUN RARREL FOR GOV. MOUNT.

From Louisville. Indianapolis, May 24 .- A package with ar reached the Capitol this morning by express, addressed to Gov. Mount. It contained a said: gun barrel, badly rusted, and on it was this inscription: "For Governor Mount, in settlement for balance due Indiana from Kentucky." The package came from Louisville, but there was nothing to indicate the sender and the Governor's secretary has been trying to figure out the meaning of the inscription. He is unable to determine whether it came from some enemy, who resents the protection of Gov. Taylor and Charles Finley, or whether from some friend, who thinks Kentuckians ought to show gratitude for that act.

Three Awarded to Them by the Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts.

second time in its history, the trustees of the PennsylvaniaAcademy of theFineArts, which today held the closing exercises of its ninety-fifth day heldithe closing exercises of its ninety-fifth year, awarded the highest prize, \$800, for a year's travelling scholarship to a woman, the recipient being Miss Paula B. Himmelsbach. The first Charles Toppan prize, \$200, was awarded to Miss Ella Hergesheimer for a canvas showing a girl standing at a table, holding a large spoon, with which she appears to be stirring something in an earthern jar. The second Charles Toppan prize also went to a woman, Miss Clara Godwin, her picture representing a man of large proportions with an axe poised as if about to strike. Both compositions were entitled 'Work.'

Potato Planting Is Given Up. Boston, May 24.—The Pingree plan of giving poor people small patches of land on which to raise vegetables is a failure so far as Boston and its neighborhood are concerned. No effort has been made by the Industrial Aid Society to has been made by the Industrial Ald Seciety to secure any land for such purpose this year, for the reason that the call for it had died out and the agent of the Seciety attributes this to the better social conditions which have developed among the poor. The Pingree system was adopted here five years ago on account of idleness and poverty, and so ling as these two factors were prominent the work was a success, but now both of these causes have been very nearly removed.

ELECTION IN VIRGINIA.

Call for a Constitutional Convention Adopted

-Democrats Win Local Fights. night from the State election indicate that the call for a Constitutional convention has carried by a safe majority, perhaps 10,000. Rain fell all over the State and not more than a half vote was polled.

The Democrats carried the municipal elec-tions in all the towns. The only opposition in Eichmond was in Jackson ward, the colored Republican stronghold, and the indications are

FAILED FOR \$13,000,000.

PRICE. M'CORMICK & CO. GO TO

SMASH IN COTTON SPECULATION.

Theodore H. Price Was the Plunger-They Say Inman Wasn't In It With Him-Said to Have Been Long of 425,000 Bales of Cotton - Assignment Credited to Partner McCormick's Insistence - George Crocker Had Half a Million in the Concern-Schley's Son-in-Law a Partner-Semi-Panie in the

Cotton Market-Price to Be Married Soon. Price, McCormick & Co., stock, grain and cotton brokers at 70 Broadway, and with more branches scattered over the country than any other commission house in the United States, made a general assignment yesterday morning for the benefit of creditors. The gross liabilities are estimated at \$13,000,000, nearly all of which are said to be well secured. No statement of assets has been made. William J. Curtis of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwells 45 Wall street, is the assignee. The chief cause of the failure was the attempt to bull a declining cotton market by enormous purchases in all the cotton centres of the United States and in Liverpool. The effect of the failure on the cotton market here was almost a panic and the largest sales for many months were made. May cotton dropped 78 points: June, 46; July, 45; August, 18, while the next crop dropped from 11 to 14 points. At the close of business the sales of the day were estimated at 1,000,000

The firm of Price, McCormick & Co. was organized on March 18, 1895, and is composed of Theodore H. Price, William G. McCormick, nephew of the late Cyrus McCormick of Chicago; Ralph G. M. Stuart-Wortley, a sone, in-law of Rear Admiral Schley; and Walter W. Price. George Crocker of San Francisco and New York is a special partner for \$500,000. The failure of the firm was more of a surprise to Wall Street than it was to cotton men. Shortly after the opening of the stock market a rumor went flying up and down the Street that one of the big firms was in trouble. This set the majority of the operators to guessing. A few attached the name of Price, McCormick & Co. to the rumor and evinced no surprise when the failure was officially announced on the Stock. Cotton and Produce exchanges shortly before 1 o'clock.

The effect on the Produce Exchange was practically nil, as the firm has done little business there for some time. On the Stock Exchange the failure was discounted before it was officially announced. It was evidently suspected there which the weak house was, for near the close of the first hour there was rather heavy selling; rumored to be for the account of Price, McCormick & Co., and this selling caused a drop in prices of from 1 to 2 per cent. shortly after the announcement of the failure. when everybody knew who was meant, Stock Exchange prices railled sharply under the influe ence of purchases to cover shorts.

It was on the Cotton Exchange that the dise turbance came. Just before the announcement August cotton was selling at 8.53, which was the high price of the day. Immediately after the announcement a roar went up from the traders around the little pit that might have been heard on Staten Island. While the traders were roaring and pulling and hauling, down went the price of cotton. The first price that anybody could hear was 8.40 for August, and everybody wanted to sell. Then down it went to 8.35, which proved to be the low-water mark. At the close there was a slight rally, and when the rap of the President's gavel proclaimed that the business Mysterious Package Sent to Indiana's Capitol of the day was over the cotton brokers sat down to figure out just where they were "at" and talk it over. When the atmosphere had cleared a

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This was what most of the cotton traders seemed to think if they didn't say so. Eversince last August the operations of Price, MocCornick & Co. have kept the cotton traders interested and lately these operations have dasgled them. The firm name was usually used when the operations were spoken of, but to the cotton traders the cotton transactions of Price, McCornick & Co. meanbever and always the trading of Theodore H. Price, It was known on the exchange that he was the cotton expert of the firm; it was known that he had planned the deals by which the firm had made and lost money for nearly a year and he was commonly spoken of as the greatest cotton trader since the days of John Inman.

Mr. Price, as well as all the other members of his firm, was beyond the reach of interviewers yesterday and, therefore, the story of the causes of the feiture had to come from those who have known the man and closely watched his operations for many menths. According to these them, the scheme of operations which led to the firm's downfall acvored almost too much of romance to be a plain tale of the Street.

These stories say that Mr. Price began last August to cipher on the cotton market. He had been doing this for years—in fact, ever since he was a young man in an office in Norfolk, Va. This time, however, he purposed to cipher on a greater scale. He consulted crop reports and the figures of statisticians as to the visible supply of cotton throughout the world. Then he ciphered out hey much raw cotton the spinners would use and having got all his figures to statisticians as to the visible supply of cotton throughout the world. Then he ciphered out hy much raw cotton the spinners would use and having got all his figures to cotton.

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Woman Fortune Teller Sent to Prison.

Philadelphia, May 24.—Judge Biddle to-day in imposing sentence on Helen Williams, allas Madame June, a fortune teller, said he intended to make the punishment so severe that the practice of obtaining money from the credillous by the protence of being able to regulate affairs in persons' lives, to influence with "spells" individuals, and to forstell the future, would be found unprofitable. The woman was sentenced to one year in the county prison and to pay a fine of \$100.

Drawn Under and Suffocated in Malt.

Peter Smith, aged 58, of 29 Cherry Street, Newark, went to sleep yesterday afternoon in a malt bin in the F. G. Van Villet Maiting Company's building in Commercial Street, Newark, Usts before 6 o'clock a chute was opened at the bottom of the bin and Smith was drawn under the grain and suffocated. His body was recovered two hours later when other workmen were sent to find the reason of the stoppage of the flow.

Change of Schedule on the Pennsylvania E. E.

Right at Your Hand

Is Grand Central Station of the New York Central with a through train every hour. Reservations made a month in advance. Trains at all hours. See time table.—Ads.